



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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DA 10-1003

Gregory Williams
Director
Monroe County Office of Emergency Management
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Dear Mr. Williams:

This letter grants your request, dated May 27, 2010, on behalf of the Monroe County Office of Emergency Management (the County) for a waiver to permit certain Amateur Radio Service licensees to transmit communications on behalf of their employer during an upcoming government emergency drill.

In your request, you state that the County will be holding an exercise on June 7 and 8, 2010. You state that these exercises will test emergency communications, particularly amateur radio as a secondary form of communication, in the event of a radiological event at the Detroit Edison FERMI II nuclear power plant. The drill will be held at Monroe, Petersburg, and Erie, Michigan.

Section 97.113(a)(3) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 97.113(a)(3), prohibits amateur licensees from transmitting communications in which they have a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer. You therefore request a waiver of this rule to permit the following Amateur Radio Service licensees to transmit communications on behalf of their employers in connection with this exercise: for the County, Gregory Williams, KC8WUN, Ralph Schall III, KD8BUT, Jeremy Jennings, KD8KIB, and Daniel Carpus, W2PUT; and for Detroit Edison, Michael Karmol, N8KUF, Glen Ohlemacher, K8GO, and Michael Hall, K8MLH.

Section 1.3 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.3, provides that the Commission may waive its rules if good cause for waiver is shown. We conclude that grant of the waiver request is appropriate under the circumstances presented. The public interest in facilitating the June 7 and 8, 2010 public safety exercise by permitting the specified amateur licensees to participate warrants this limited waiver of Section 97.113(a)(3). This waiver grant permits transmission of communications by the above-listed amateur employees on behalf of their employers during the June 7 and 8, 2010 exercise, and immediately prior to the exercise for the purpose of operational testing of equipment.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the waiver request of the Monroe County Office of Emergency Management, dated May 27, 2010, IS GRANTED.

This action is taken under delegated authority pursuant to Sections 0.131 and 0.331 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.131, 0.331.

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